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## 2006 USAG Schinnen Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony



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## NEWS

# Schinnen Community Update

**Dancing Fun** Do you or your child want to learn how to ballet or dance the flamingo, then sign up for dancing fun today! Classes begin Jan. 8. Sign up in the JFC Brunssum Gymnasium upper room (3rd floor) or call CER at 045-563-6221 for more information.

**Headquarter step work** In the period of Dec. 11-21, the steps at the front and back entrance of the USAG Schinnen HQ Building will be renovated. Work will start at the front entrance during which time the entrance may be closed. As soon as the front entrance is finished; the back entrance will be closed. We apologize for the inconvenience.

**YS Boxing** Two Youth Services boxing classes will begin Jan. 19 in the HQ JFC Brunssum Fitness Center. The first is for beginners, ages 11 through 18 for 15 weeks of instruction. Sessions will be on Fridays, 4 - 5:20 p.m. At the conclusion of the class, each participant will receive an official boxing pin from the German Boxing Federation. The second class is for Masters or participants who have already completed the Beginners Class. It, too, runs 15 weeks, 5:30 - 6:45, and is for ages 12 through 18.

Good news! Both classes feature newly purchased professional boxing equipment. You must be registered with YS before you can participate. For full details, please call DSN 364-3008 or CIV 045 526-3595.

**Recipe's Wanted** Do you have a recipe that you would like to share with other community members? Maybe a new twist on an old favorite, or a family favorite tradition that anyone could enjoy? Email it to the USAG Schinnen public affairs office along with a little history of the recipe for our new Tri-Border News Notes monthly recipe corner section. Whether it's a Dutch recipe (translated to English please), American, or anything in between, we'd love to hear from you. Email at [ladonna.s.davis@us.army.mil](mailto:ladonna.s.davis@us.army.mil).

**AFAP Conference 2007** You've lived in different places and have different experiences and AFAP wants to capture your knowledge....

Make the Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) aware of how the Army could improve well being locally as well as nationally by writing an issue of concern or improvement for Schinnen, Europe, or the overall Army.

Our upcoming February 2007 Conference will have delegates work on your issue as well as others in an effort to increase overall Army Community well being.

Look for the orange cardboard boxes issue boxes near our community AFAP Poster, "A World of Experience Within Our Community", and fill out a form or email us at [ACS-Schinnen@Eur.Army.mil](mailto:ACS-Schinnen@Eur.Army.mil). Call ACS at 443-7500.

**American Delegation** present an international tour of

homes, Dec. 15 from 10 a.m.-4:00 p.m. For tickets, contact 046-442-2243 or 045-545-9450.

**French Wine Tasting** Eight Vignerons with wine for tasting and sale will gather at the International Inn, Dec. 14 from 5:00 p.m.-8 p.m. Pay at the door.

**Use or Lose Annual Leave** The 2006 annual leave year will end on Saturday, Jan. 6, 2007. Employees who have accrued annual leave in excess of the maximum carry-over authorized (use or lose) will forfeit the excess leave they have accrued at the close of business on that date.

Except for an emergency situation there should be no employees who have to forfeit unused annual leave.

**TIER III Closed** From Dec. 15, 2006 until Jan. 2, 2007 the TIER III helpdesk in Schinnen - The Netherlands is closed. In case you need to get support on TIER III, please do contact the Wuerzburg help desk at DSN 350-7504 or send them an email at the following address;

[maintdesk@cmtymail.98asg.army.mil](mailto:maintdesk@cmtymail.98asg.army.mil)

**Bowling Center Information** Beginning Dec. 20, the Bowling Center including the Pin Point Café and Harry's BBQ, will be open Wednesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. It will be closed December 24-26 and December 31 through January 2. Cosmic bowling has permanently moved to Saturday nights beginning at 6 p.m.

**TSC Treebeek** will be closed on following days:

Dec, 15

Dec. 21 (12:00)-Dec 27 ;

Dec. 29-Jan. 3.

Only for emergency issues you can call 361-5238.

**PWOC Fellowship Night** Ladies, take a break from the Holiday Rush! Enjoy an evening of fellowship and music as we celebrate Christ, and remember the true meaning of Christmas. Protestant Women Of the Chapel Fellowship Night Friday, December 15th at 7:00 p.m. 3rd Floor – JFC Brunssum International Chapel Childcare Provided For more information call (31) 0436010290

**DHC Closure** Director, Human Resources offices (Human Resources, Community Mailroom, Official Mail & Distribution, In & Out Processing) will be closed on Thursday afternoon, 1400 – 1630 hours, 14 December 2006 because of the Directorate Christmas party. For emergencies please contact Mr. Carroll or Mr. Bonaparte at DSN 360-7309.

**IACS Hours** In the last week of 2006 IACS Registration Office will be ONLY open Dec. 27, 28 and 29 from 08.30 – 12.00 hrs As of Jan. 2, 2007 the office is open as usual.

## SCHINNEN NOTES

## Special Sesame Street for Military Kids

Sesame Workshop is airing a TV special for military kids on Dec. 27 entitled "When Parents Are Deployed". Armed Forces Network (AFN) is coordinating a showing of the PBS Special for overseas locations.

January, 2007 is the target date for airing overseas. The best place to check on when this will be shown is by logging onto the MyAFN web site at <http://myafn.dodmedia.osd.mil/tv/schedule/index.asp>.

An excerpt from the video was presented at the recent DoD Conference on Education for military-Connected Communities and a presentation was conducted by Mr. Gary Knell, CEO of Sesame Workshop. The original videos were depleted rapidly from Militaryonesource.com. The special is hosted by Cuba Gooding Jr.

## Christmas Tree Fire Prevention

Christmas is a time of celebration, but too much enthusiasm can cause neglect for safety during this time of year. Stay aware of fire hazards. Here are a few things to keep in mind:

- ◆ Use a freshly cut tree that is set up sturdily and does not block an exit.
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- ◆ Check your tree lighting and repair or replace doubtful parts.
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- ◆ Avoid laying extension cords where they can be damaged or become a tripping hazard.
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- ◆ Do not overload extension cords. Unplug extension cords overnight or when you are not home.
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- ◆ Use flame retardant decorations; check the labeling on the packaging if you purchase new decorations.
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- ◆ Use sturdy non-combustible candleholders.
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- ◆ Keep candles clear of combustible materials and out of the reach of children.
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- ◆ Do not place candles on or near your Christmas tree.
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- ◆ Extinguish all candles if you leave the house or before you retire for the night.
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- ◆ Do not leave children unsupervised
- ◆
- ◆ Do not leave cooking unattended